

MBA

NEWS and VIEWS

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A SPECIAL LETTER TO MBA PARENTS

Montgomery Bell Academy has had a long and distinguished history. During these particular years of that impressive chronicle of events, you, your sons, our teachers, and I have had an opportunity to share ideals, aspirations, challenges, and opportunities. Linda and I appreciate the tremendous support you have given to us and to Montgomery Bell Academy.

The school is at an exciting time in its evolution. It is a time in which all of us must come together to support the goals of the school in order that the future may be better than the present. Institutions are no different from individuals in that we want for those coming after us opportunities that we did not have. I write this to express my gratitude for your support and to say that the best manifestation of that support is to join together with the Board of Trustees in their commitment to make this the year of the "Celebration of Teaching." We honor Mrs. Lowry as a symbol of all teachers, for she has given forty-five years of incredibly distinguished service to young men. In honoring her, you will help honor all MBA faculty for generations to come.

This support on your part of the Annual Giving program will not only help us insure quality in the future among our faculty but will also be a testimony of your belief and my belief in the mission of this great institution.

You can do your part in helping keep MBA a preeminent and nationally recognized school by giving generously to the Annual Fund. I will appreciate it.

Gordon S. Bondurant
Headmaster

NATIONAL MERIT PROGRAM RECOGNIZES MBA COMMENDED STUDENTS

Early this fall, twelve members of the MBA Senior Class were named National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists. They are considered in the top 1/2 of 1% of high school students. The National Merit Scholarship program also recognizes another group of very able students and designates them Commended Students. These young men are in the top 2% of high school students in the United States, and MBA again had a large number--14. With great pleasure, we name the following as 1988 National Merit Commended Students: David Bobo, Chad Enders, Thomas Gutow, Charlie Hailey, Brian Hassler, Bill Hitt, Steve Jobe, Edward Lams, Lyle McDonald, Jim Norris, John Overfield, Tom Rogers, Storm Sommer, and Tommy Vandever. Congratulations, gentlemen! You, along with the Semifinalists, give us 31% of the Senior Class in the top 2% of the students in the nation.

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FACULTY MEMBER POETRY IS PUBLISHED

Dr. Christian Niemeyer's poem entitled "Canterbury Cathedral: The Face of Summer" was selected for publication in "The Modern Age--A Quarterly Review." We do not have space to quote the entire poem, but one portion will give you an idea of the beauty of his masterful writing.

Upstairs through the narrow door, the arch aglow,
a fantasy of form, stone columns and traceries,
warm, amber walls from lamps subdued,
And calm in prayer on soft, red pillows
the Evensong, floating gently, the choir filling, pure notes
perfect tones, lifting, echoing in our souls
On high, up towering walls, the anthems of angels,
sweet melodies aching for glory,
for the Lord, faces fixed in gold.

Congratulations, Dr. Niemeyer, for being selected for inclusion.

SNOW POLICY

We do not want to jeopardize life or limb of any student or parent in an effort to reach school during snowy days. We do expect, however, that every reasonable effort will be made to get to school. If a school day is canceled, or if class times are changed, an announcement will be made on Channel 2, Channel 4, Channel 5, WSM Radio NY107. Otherwise, school will be held and classes will begin at the normal times. If you as a parent do not feel it is safe for your son to attend school because of the weather in your particular driving situation, we do need to receive the excuse from you. Should conditions warrant the closing of school on an examination day, students will be expected to be prepared for the exam on the next day. For example: If school is closed on Monday when the English examination is scheduled, the English exam will be given on the next open day, and each succeeding examination will be rotated the number of days we are out.

PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS

One of the most significant contributions our parents make each year is the recommendation to other parents that MBA should be considered. We receive a large number of names from our parent body. You, as an MBA parent, will be more selective in the young men you would recommend to us, and for that reason, your suggestions are very valuable. You provide the best self-selection because you know the type of young man who can profit from MBA and with whom you want your son to associate. Please let us know if you have names of people we may contact.

Please do not hesitate to mention MBA to others.

BLOOD DRIVE SUCCEEDS BEYOND MEASURE

Twice each year, MBA students, faculty, and families are invited to participate in a Blood Drive for the American Red Cross. This month, a large number of students and faculty members came forward to give of their blood to the American Red Cross. Interested parents are invited to join in this endeavor that has become a tradition at MBA for boys who must be 17 years old or older.

A LETTER TO OUR VERY ACTIVE PARENTS

The Fall of 1987 has been one of the most active and one of the busiest in the history of MBA. Our parents have been on campus in large numbers to assist in a variety of programs that are vital to the success and mission of Montgomery Bell Academy.

To the hundreds of mothers who followed the marvelous leadership of Carroll Crosslin and Frances Bryan in giving us one of the most successful Spaghetti Suppers, we say a heartfelt "Thank you." To the Spaghetti Supper Chairpeople, you did a superb job in making it all work and, of course, a very speci "thank you" to Carroll and Frances for their constant enthusiasm and support that helped to raise in excess of \$40,000.00 for projects that specifically help make Montgomery Bell Academy a better place in which to learn and grow.

MBA fathers assisted in the Spaghetti Supper, but each Friday evening they took their turns standing in the elements or in the concession stand serving the school. The list of fathers who were involved is too long to give by name, but our gratitude is nonetheless deeply felt. By serving as ticket sellers, ticket takers, and concession stand helpers, under the most able leadership of Jim Norris, Jack Smithwick, and our Fathers Club President, John Link, you have given generously of your talents to the school.

To both our mothers and fathers, we say, "Thank you."

MBA SERVICE CLUB HELPS CHILDREN IN BURN CENTERS

The MBA Service Club, led by Edgar Bueno, has been involved in countless service projects, both on campus and off campus. Nine students, working with John Israel, covered a territory and collected three times the amount collected in previous years from that area. All of the proceeds are given to the Shrine Hospital for burned children and those with orthopedic problems. Students participating with John in this project were: Edgar Bueno, Rob Archer, Chad Enders, Chas Hewgley, Jim Hippe, Jay Riven, Richard Speight, George Crawford, and Chet Frist.

You, as parents, would be extraordinarily proud of the numerous and often-untold service projects your sons enjoy. They give generously of their time to our major project of the Soup Kitchen with the Holy Name Catholic Church, but many are involved with the Special Olympics, the Vanderbilt Children's Hospital, Muscular Dystrophy, Multiple Sclerosis, and the list could go on and on. We, as parents and as educators, have no more important responsibility than to encourage and lead by example in serving others.

THE MOTHERS AUXILIARY DUES

Anyone who has not paid the 1987-1988 dues for the Mothers Auxiliary is encouraged to send their \$10.00 to Mrs. Harrison Shull, 714 Lynnbrook Road, Nashville, 37215.

MBA CHORUS TO PERFORM

Everyone in the MBA community is cordially invited to attend the program of the 58-member MBA chorus scheduled for December 15 at 7:00 p.m. at Westminster Presbyterian Church. Our boys have been impressive in their musical accomplishments, and Mike Kemp has done a superb job in preparing them for this concert. Whether your son sings or not, we hope very much that you will come and be a part of this community-wide experience. An unwrapped toy, to be given to needy families, is requested from each person who attends. Please mark December 15 on your calendars today.

SUMMER EXPO '86 BRINGS PIZAZZ TO SUMMER PLANNING

Unique summer educational, recreational, fine arts, and travel programs for Nashville young people will be available for your review on Sunday, January 31, 1988, in the MBA gym. Summer opportunities in Nashville and throughout the world will be presented by representatives of a vast number of summer program sponsors. We hope that each MBA parent will take advantage of this free exhibit of some ideas for ways your son may spend an exciting and beneficial summer. Please mark your calendars today.

BILL CHERRY SELECTED AS TENNIS ALL-AMERICA

Bill Cherry, MBA Junior, has been honored by the "PRINCE NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS ALL-AMERICA" as receiving All American Athlete recognition for his outstanding performance in high school tennis during the 1986-1987 school year. While Prince sponsors this honor, the National High School Athletic Coaches Association picks the recipients. We are extraordinarily proud of Bill Cherry.

JAY MCKNIGHT NAMED BOYS' AMATEUR GOLFER OF THE YEAR

The Tennessee State Golf Association recognized MBA Senior Jay McKnight as Boys' Player of the Year with Clarksville's Billy Maynard. Jay received this honor by qualifying for the USGA Junior, tying for second in the State Insurors and placing third in the Tennessee Golfers Association State Junior Championship. Jay was a member of the MBA Golf team which placed second in the State this year and third last year.

Congratulations, Jay!

DOES MBA HAVE A FUTURE PARTICIPANT IN THE OLYMPICS?

Members of the student body of Montgomery Bell Academy are exceedingly diverse in their interest and talents. While the traditional athletic events get a great deal of media and school-wide attention, other MBA students are involved in activities that take enormous amount of time and personal discipline. We all feel a sense of pride when one among our number excels. Therefore, I am pleased to share with you a letter I received recently.

Dr. Hugh C. Graham, Jr., is President of the United States Figure Skating Association, (the National Governing Body of Figure Skating, a member of the United States Olympic Committee). Arthur Reid, MBA Freshman, placed 2nd in the 1988 Eastern Great Lakes Championships, and this has qualified him to compete in the 1988 Midwestern Championships. As Dr. Graham says, "These Championships are annual events and are the first steps toward the ultimate goal, the Olympics. Scott Hamilton, Peggy Fleming, Dick Button, and Dorothy Hamill all began their climb to the Olympics through these Regional and Sectional competitions." Dr. Graham adds, "Championship level figure skaters are perfectionists with an unswerving devotion to skating and a self-imposed regiment of physical fitness."

The entire student body joined me in expressing our congratulations to Arthur when his certificate was presented.

MBA STUDIES AIDS POLICY AND PROVIDES PROGRAMS

Dr. John Greene, Director of Health Services at Vanderbilt University and well-known speaker to parents and young people about issues of major concern, spoke to the MBA student body in October on the topic of AIDS. This presentation was very graphic and generated considerable discussion. The next day, adviser/advisee and homeroom meetings were given to an open discussion of issues related to AIDS. During the summer and fall, Mr. Poston and I have reviewed a large number of study guides and pamphlets, which we shall recommend to the Trustee committee.

You, as parents, should know that the Trustee committee reviewing this matter has developed the present policy which states in essence that should MBA have a student or a teacher with the virus, a committee made up of trustees, parents, physicians, and faculty will make a recommendation to the headmaster concerning any decision about continuation. Moreover, the Trustee committee has directed the school to continue its education program, including parent education. With this in mind, we announce that the National AIDS Hotline numbers are:

Recorded message 1-800-342-AIDS and Live answers 1-800-342-7514.

MBA DEBATERS DO NOT FIND WINNING MONOTONOUS

The very fine MBA debate teams, under the leadership of Mr. Billy Tate, continue their winning ways. Over Thanksgiving, they have been selected to compete in one of the most prestigious debating events in the nation. At the Annual Glenbrook Round Robin, just outside of Chicago, eleven of the finest high school debate teams in the United States are invited to attend.

On the local scene, the MBA debate team competed in the Maplewood Invitational Debate Tournament. The varsity team of Tom Rogers and Hal Jones won 1st place in the division with a perfect 4-0 record while 2nd place with a perfect 4-0 record was the team of Eugene Park and Joon-ho-Yu. In the novice division, the MBA team of John Hays and David Strayhorn won 1st place with a record of 4 wins and 0 losses. In 2nd place in the novice division was the MBA team of Babu Parachuri and Bill Sastry, who edged out novice teammates George Ewing and John Butler.

Traveling to Shreveport, Louisiana, were two MBA varsity debaters--David Chen and Jonathan Reeve. At the conclusion of the two-day varsity event, Jonathan and David placed 4th but actually defeated the eventual winners from the Isadore Newman School of New Orleans.

Members of the MBA debate team attended three major national tournaments recently. Braxton Perkins and Tom Rogers placed 5th among 105 teams, competing at the Bronx School of Science in New York, with Tom Rogers being named one of the superior debaters at the tournament. Again at the Baylor University Round Robin in Waco, Texas, Tom was selected as the 2nd place individual debater. At the St. Mark's Invitational Tournament in Dallas, both MBA teams reached the elimination rounds in the 100-team field. Burt Fulmer and Jay Kahlon were in the same elimination bracket as Tom Rogers and Braxton Perkins. Eventually, by advancement over Burt and Jay, Tom and Braxton emerged as 5th place team in the tournament. Braxton was recognized as one of the superior individual debaters at this tournament.

The MBA debate team competed successfully at the Homewood Debate Tournament earlier in the fall. A unique feature of this tournament was the monetary award of \$50.00 to the single student among the 300 entrants at the tournament who compiled the most overall points in at least three different areas of competition. This award was won by MBA's Tom Rogers, who won the following: 1st place varsity debate team, 1st student congress senator, and 3rd place in extemporaneous speaking.

Overall, the two MBA varsity teams composed of Braxton Perkins and Burt Fulmer, and Tom Rogers and Jonathan Reeve, "closed" finals by virtue of each team winning in its respective semifinals bracket. Braxton Perkins was named the top varsity debater with teammate Burt Fulmer placing 2nd.

In the junior varsity division, Eugene Park and Joon-ho Yu placed 3rd, with Eugene named to 3rd place individual honors.

In the novice division, the team of Babu Parachuri and Craig Davis placed 3rd while novice teammates John Butler and George Ewing reached the octafinal round.

In individual events, Brad Griffin placed second in a very strong final round of humorous interpretation of literature. Johnny Lamb finished third in the House division of Student Congress among the 40 participants.

At the recent Northwestern University tournament, Burt Fulmer and Jay Kahlon placed 5th and named to the TOP TEN debaters list.

At the Glenbrook South tournament David Strayhorn and Craig Davis placed third in the novice division with Willie Gray and Babu Parachuri placing fifth. Tom Rogers and Braxton Perkins won fourth place in varsity debate with Tom gaining the second-place debater honor.

Original oratory is one of Prescott Glynn's many talents. He recently reached the final round in this event at Belmont College.

Congratulations to all our debaters and individual speakers!

COMMUNITY AWARENESS CALENDAR

- December 1 - "JUST SAY NO" (regional meeting) - Emphasis will be on explanation of Just Say No Clubs. United Way Building in Metro Center. 7-9 p.m.
- December 14 - "JUST SAY NO" - Training session
Emphasis: hands-on session for those interested in becoming leaders of Just Say No Clubs. United Way Building in Metro Center 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.
Both Just Say No meetings are sponsored by Alcohol and Drug Council of Middle Tennessee
- January 31 - Summer Opportunity Expo - "What in the World Could You Do This Summer?"
MBA Gymnasium - 1 - 6 p.m.
Sponsored by Harpeth Hall and MBA
- February 6 - "CAMP DAY"
Westminster School 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Sponsored by University School and Westminster School.

To receive more information on these or other scheduled event or to supply information regarding other community programs of interest to MBA parents, call Nancy Dunkerley, 292-8502, MBA Auxiliary Community Awareness Chairman.

GOLF TEAM SECOND IN THE STATE

The MBA Golf team, winners of both the district and regional tournaments, traveled to Henry Horton State Park for a two-day State Tournament. We congratulate Michael Shears, Jay McKnight, Brannon Atkinson, and Rhoads Hall for leading the Big Red to a 2nd place finish. The team, which has played together for two years now, has won two district championships, two regional titles, and finished 3rd and 2nd in the State tournament. We congratulate them!

CROSS COUNTRY MAKES MBA HISTORY

The 1987 MBA Cross Country team, led by Senior runner Steve Zibas, found an impressive place in the MBA history book. Both the team finish of 5th place and the individual (Steve Zibas) finish of 4th place makes this a team that will be long remembered in the annals of MBA athletics, and yet the youth on the team may push their way into the record books before long as the future looks exceedingly bright.

All-Nashville Runner Steve Zibas led MBA throughout the year. He was pushed by #2 and #3 runners Keith Ikard and Cayce Jones, both of whom happen to be freshmen and who placed very high in the state as well. The cross country is a sport of many others whose running ability is important to the team as well. We congratulate Lanson Hyde, Brent Cummings, Chad Enders, James Gooch, Jay Knowles, Tommy Vandever, Jason Burroughs, Jay Binkley, Thayer Smith, Jay Riven, and Steve Jobe on their contributions throughout the year to the team.

Watch out for next year as MBA takes its place on the map of cross country powerhouses.

FOOTBALL TEAM PLACES SECOND IN DISTRICT

The MBA Football team, early in the season, lived with mediocre predictions. There was certainly nothing mediocre about the 1987 MBA Big Red. The team finished with a 9-1 overall record in the regular season and 5-1 in the district for a solid 2nd-place finish. Losing to Stratford in the 1st round of the State Playoffs, the Big Red can look back on a season of numerous accomplishments, of exciting games, and of impressive statistics. Always outweighed and facing teams much faster, Coach Tommy Owen's troops succeeded because of discipline, hard work, great team spirit, and leadership from the seniors. A team of no individual stars, the 1987 record will place this group of young men into the upper echelon of football teams across the pages of MBA history.

DATE	BASKETBALL			Winter 1987	WRESTLING	
	VARSITY	J.V.	FRESHMAN	MICROBE	VARSITY	FRESHMAN
DEC 1 Tu	Maplewood @ " 8:00	Maplewood @ " 6:30	Maplewood @ MBA 3:30		Brentwood Hi @ " 7:30	Brentwood Hi @ " 6:00
4 Fr	Overton @ " 8:00	Overton @ " 6:30	Overton @ MBA 3:30	St. Ann @ MBA 3:30	Hillwood @ " 5:30	Hillwood @ " 4:00
8 Tu	McGavock @ " 8:00	McGavock @ " 6:30	McGavock @ MBA 4:30	Dec. 7 - 11 Overbrook	Hillsboro @ " 6:00	Hillsboro @ " 4:30
11 Fr	Hillsboro @ MBA 8:00	Hillsboro @ @ MBA 6:30	Hillsboro @ " 3:30	Classic @ Overbrook	Cleveland, TN Duals @ Cleve.	McGavock Tourn @ " 4:00
12 Sat	BCA @ MBA 8:00	BCA @ MBA 6:30			Cleveland, TN Duals @ Cleve.	McGavock Tourn @ " 4:00
15 Tu			Davidson Acad. @ " 3:30		Franklin @ MBA 7:30	Dickson Co. @ MBA 4:00
18 Fr	Pearl-Cohn @ MBA 8:00	Pearl-Cohn @ MBA 6:30	Pearl-Cohn @ " 3:00		Overton Tournament at December 18 and 19	
21 & 22 Mon. Tu	Brentwood Invitational	Brentwood Invitational				
JAN 2 Sat					Whites Creek Lipscomb, Hendersonville Dickson Co. 10:00 @ MBA	
5 Tu	Stratford @ MBA 8:00	Stratford @ MBA 6:30	Glencliff @ MBA 3:00		Pearl-Cohn @ " 5:30	Pearl-Cohn @ " 4:00
6 Wed					Brentwood @ MBA 4:00	Overton @ " 3:30
8 Fri	Hillwood @ " 8:00	Hillwood @ " 6:30	Hillwood @ MBA 3:30	Brentwood Mid. @ MBA 3:30	Father Ryan Tournament	
9 Sat					Father Ryan Tournament	
12 Tu	Hunter's Lane @ " 8:00	Hunter's Lane @ " 6:30	McGavock @ MBA 3:30	St. Henry @ MBA 3:30	Nash, Christian @ " 4:00	
13 Wed						McGavock @ " 4:00
15 Fr	Ryan @ MBA 8:00	Ryan @ MBA 6:30	Thurs. Dec. 14 Ryan @ Ryan 7:00	Grassland @ " 4:45	Ryan @ 5:30	Ryan @ 4:00
22 Fr	White's Creek @ " 8:00	White's Creek @ " 6:30	White's Creek @ MBA 3:30	Brentwood Ac. @ MBA 3:30	Springfield @ " 6:00	
23 Sat						Mid-State Regio @ Hillsboro
26 Tu	Overton @ MBA 8:00	Overton @ MBA 6:30	Overton @ 4:30	Holy Rosary @ MBA 3:30	Regional Dual Brentwood High	
29 Fr	Hillsboro @ " 8:00	Hillsboro @ " 4:45	Thurs. 12/28 Hillsboro @ MBA 3:30	FRA at MBA 3:30	Overton-Reg. IV Baylor	
30 Sat					State Dual Meet @ Hunter's Lane	
FEB 2 Tu	Antioch @ MBA 8:00	Antioch @ MBA 6:30	District Tournament Mon-Sat 1-6	FRA @ FRA 4:45		
5 Fri	Pearl-Cohn @ 8:00	Pearl-Cohn @ 6:30		BCA @ MBA 3:30	Dist. Tournament @ MBA	
6 Sat					Dist. Tournament @ MBA	
9 Mon	Hillwood @ MBA 8:00	Hillwood @ MBA 6:30		Ensworth @ " 4:00		
12 Fri	U. of Hopkins- ville @ MBA				Region III Tournament @ Hunter's Lane	
13 Sat				Feb. 15-20 HVAC Tournam. @ Brentwood Mid.		
16 Tu	Ryan @ 8:00	Ryan @ 4:45				
18 Th	Glencliff @ MBA 5:00	Glencliff @ MBA 3:30				
19 Fr	Cookeville @ MBA 8:00	Cookeville @ MBA 6:30			State Tournament @ UTC	
20 Sat					State Tournament @ UTC	
22 Mon	11-AAA District Tournament					
29 Mon Mar. 14	Regional State					

MOTHERS' AUXILIARY SPAGHETTI SUPPER ALLOCATION FOR 1987

The Mothers' Auxiliary had a very successful Spaghetti Supper this year and have very generously allocated the monies as shown above.

Congratulations to the Mothers on their great fund-raising success and thanks from everyone concerned for the allocations this year and in the past.

ESTABLISHED PROJECTS

Forensics.....	\$ 3,000
Van Replacement.....	\$ 7,000
Van Insurance.....	\$ 1,000
Faculty Enrichment.....	\$ 5,000
Headmaster's	
Discretionary Fund.....	\$ 1,500
Chorus.....	\$ 1,000
Jr. School Activities.....	\$ 500
Speakers' Fund.....	\$ 500
Literary Magazine.....	\$ 2,000
Scholarship Fund.....	\$ 2,000
Future Funding	
Spaghetti Supper.....	\$ 1,500
Total	\$25,000

NEW PROJECTS

Facilities and Equipment

100 Samsonte chairs.....	\$ 450
Aircondition AP Lab and	
3 classroom in Ball Bldg. \$1,500 ea.	\$ 6,000
Bathroom stall doors-Wallace.....	\$ 300
Five chess sets and clocks.....	\$ 260
25 pencil sharpeners.....	\$ 200
Spray paint for football field.....	\$ 200
Aircondition cafeteria.....	\$ 1,500

Library

People Magazine subscription.....	\$ 30
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Academics and Counseling

Portable VCR/TV monitor.....	\$ 950
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Faculty

Computer and printer.....	\$ 2,100
Hole punchers Junior School.....	\$ 120

Debate

Typewriters.....	\$ 450
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Art

The Music of Man, Slide program, flood lighting, color monitor.....	\$ 1,055
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Athletics

Olympic bars, dining fly.....	\$ 1,825
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Counseling

Drug Education materials.....	\$ 500
College materials, books, travel.....	\$ 520
Total	\$16,460

GRAND TOTAL\$41,460 !!